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1. Reference (a) forwarded the Navy contribution to the [REDACTED] a draft copy of which was returned for review and comment. As a result of this review, the following observations have been made and are submitted for your consideration:

a. Several of the indicators (particularly those in the Civil Defense section of the guide) require almost daily surveillance of various non-military objectives in the Moscow area. This could result in a time-consuming project for a large percentage of our [REDACTED] observers (i.e., [REDACTED] which could in turn have a deleterious effect on the collection of information on targets of much higher priority.

b. The detailed requirements outlined under a number of the indicators should not be necessary in the case of trained observers. If the employment of untrained observers [REDACTED] is envisioned, it would seem that such should be indicated in a foreword or preamble to the guide, wherein a general explanation of the guide's purpose and planned use could also be given.

c. Limiting the guide to observations in the Moscow area only eliminates potentially good indicators which might be available to our attaches in their travels to other cities and sections of the USSR. In fact, it is quite conceivable that preparations for hostilities would be more obvious and discernible earlier in some of the outlying areas.

d. It was noted that the guide does not reflect contributions from Army or Air Force, both of whom should be able to cite important indicators within their respective fields of interest.

2. As a general comment, it must be stated that the guide will be of practical use in the field only if it is directed, written and classified with the trained (and possibly untrained) observer in mind. As presently constituted, the guide does not appear to answer that requirement.

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